

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 2, please amend the title as follows:

Multiple Cladding Optical Fiber

Please amend paragraph [0048] beginning at page 21, as follows:

[0048] In the second method as shown in Fig. 6, on the other hand, a glass rod 50 having an outer diameter of 0.72 mm, and 6, 12, 18, and 54 (24+30) four kinds of glass capillary tubes 52 having inner/outer diameters of 0.22 mm/0.72 mm, 0.32 mm/0.72 mm, 0.39 mm/0.72 mm, and 0.27 mm/0.72 mm, respectively, are bundled together and put into an overcladding tube 54 having an outer diameter of 36 mm, so as to form a preform. This preform is drawn, so as to yield an optical fiber having an outer diameter of 80 μm .